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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Lloyd Wolfinbarger, Jr.

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For: **Process and Composition for Cleaning Soft Tissue Grafts Optionally Attached to Bone,  
and Soft Tissue Grafts Produced Thereby"**

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The Assistant Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This amendment is submitted responsive to the Office Action issued in the above-identified application dated January 7, 1999, along with a petition for a three-month extension of time and our check no: in the amount of \$435.00 to cover the extension of time, making a response due to be filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on or before July 7, 1999.

*In the Claims:*

Please cancel claims 5, 28, and 31-34 without prejudice or disclaimer, and add new claims 35 and 36.

-- 35. A soft tissue graft suitable for transplantation into a human, comprising:

~~a soft tissue graft essentially free from blood deposits, bacteria particles, virus particles and fungus particles, produced by the process comprising:~~

~~sonicating said soft tissue with a solvent comprising one or more detergents in an ultrasonic cleaner at a temperature and for a time period effective to produce cleaned soft tissue essentially free from blood deposits.~~

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